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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION
MAILED JANUARY 13, 2003**

5 Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed on January 13, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application, wherein claims 5-8, and 16 have been withdrawn from consideration as directed to a non-elected species. Claims 1-4, 9-15, and 17-20 remain at issue. By this amendment new independent claim 20 has been added, thereby

15 increasing the total number of claims to twenty (20) and the number of independent claims to three (3). No new fees are required. Claims 1, 3, 9, 10 and 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Halvorsen (U.S. Patent No. 623,366). Claims 2, 4, 11, 13-15 and 17-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious in light of Halvorsen in view of either Todd (U.S. Patent No. 5,242,054) or Kaufman et al (U.S. Patent No. 4,947,984).



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